

## Senate Resolution 115 - Introduced

### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 115

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1 A Resolution to recognize March 2012 as Iowa Women's  
2 History Month.

3 WHEREAS, Iowa women of every race, class, and  
4 ethnic background have made historic contributions  
5 to the growth and strength of our state and nation  
6 in countless recorded and unrecorded ways, including  
7 through the struggle for women's rights; and

8 WHEREAS, Iowa women have played and continue to  
9 play a critical economic, cultural, and social role by  
10 constituting a significant portion of the labor force  
11 working inside and outside of the home, despite being  
12 underpaid; and

13 WHEREAS, Iowa women were particularly important in  
14 the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic,  
15 and cultural institutions in our state and nation; and

16 WHEREAS, Iowa women and men amended Article I,  
17 section 1, of the Constitution of Iowa to read that  
18 "All men and women are, by nature, free and equal, and  
19 have certain inalienable rights"; and

20 WHEREAS, Iowa women have been leaders in business,  
21 industry, agriculture, nonprofit organizations, and  
22 academia, as well as the abolitionist movement, the  
23 emancipation movement, the labor movement, the civil  
24 rights movement, the peace movement, and the women's  
25 suffrage movement, which have created a fairer and more  
26 just society for all; and

27 WHEREAS, despite these contributions, and those  
28 of women throughout the world, the role of women

1 has been consistently overlooked and undervalued in  
2 the literature, teaching, and study of history; NOW  
3 THEREFORE,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate  
5 recognizes the month of March 2012 as Iowa Women's  
6 History Month and invites the citizens of Iowa to  
7 continue to uncover the roles women have played  
8 throughout history.